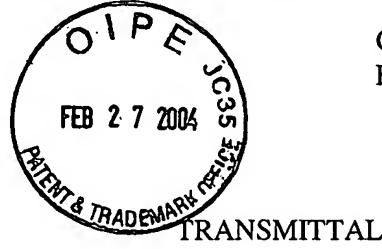


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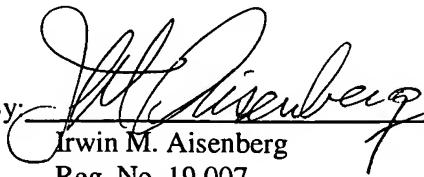
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Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 6) of December 29, 2003, kindly amend the application as set forth on page 2, and amend the claims as indicated in the listing of claims starting on page 3 of this paper.